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SUBJECT: NPT AND VERIFICATION AGREEMENT RATIFIED BY
FRG BUNDESTAG

REF: (A) BONN 2439 AND 2445, (B) BONN 2603

BEGIN SUMMARY: THE WEST GERMAN BUNDESTAG VOTED FEB 20
FOR RATIFICATION OF THE NPT AND, UNANIMOUSLY, FOR THE
IAEA/EURATOM VERIFICATION AGREEMENT. THE DEBATE WAS
BUSINESSLIKE AND FREE OF POLEMICS. END SUMMARY

1. BY A FAVORABLE VOTE OF 355 TO 90, THE FRG BUNDESTAG
VOTED FEB 20 FOR THE LAW ON RATIFICATION OF THE NUCLEAR
NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY. THERE WERE NO ABSTENTIONS
OR INVALID BALLOTS, BUT 24 DEPUTIES WERE ABSENT, SOME
OF WHOM WERE PRESUMABLY ABSTAINING VIA THEIR ABSENCE.
IN ADDITION, THE BERLIN DEPUTIES, WHOSE BALLOTS DO NOT
COUNT, VOTED 15 TO 7 IN FAVOR OF RATIFICATION.

2. AT SPD/FDP REQUEST, THERE WAS A ROLL CALL VOTE; WE
WILL REPORT ON THE EXACT BREAKDOWN BY AIRGRAM.
IT APPEARS THAT A MAJORITY OF ROUGHLY SIXTY PERCENT OF
THE 224 CDU/CSU DEPUTIES VOTED FOR RATIFICATION; LESS
THAN 25 PERCENT VOTED NO.

3. LEADING SPEAKERS IN THE DEBATE WERE FONOFF STATE
SECRETARY MOERSCH AND FDP FLOOR LEADER MISCHNIK FOR
THE GOVERNMENT, AND CDU/CSU BUNDESTAG LEADER CARSTENS
FOR THE OPPOSITION; (FONMIN SCHEEL IS IN VIENNA ON AN
OFFICIAL VISIT). THE BUNDESTAG FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
RAPPORTEURS ALSO SPOKE; AMUSINGLY, THE ANTI-NPT CDU
CO-RAPPORTEUR MERTES FOUND HIMSELF DELIVERING THE
PRO-NPT SPEECH OF PRINCIPAL CDU RAPPORTEUR BIRRENBACH,
WHO IS ILL. THERE WERE POSITIVE REFERENCES ON BOTH
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SIDES TO THE U.S. INTERPRETATIONS. MOERSCH ALSO NOTED
THAT "THE AMERICAN MINISTER HAD (LAST WEEK) EXPRESSED
INTEREST IN RATIFICATION OF THE NPT." (SEE REF B)
THIS ALLUSION WAS BRIEF AND DID NOT ATTRACT FURTHER
COMMENT.

4. BOTH CARSTENS AND MERTES REFERRED TO THE CDU BELIEF
THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD ISSUE AN APPROPRIATE INTER-

PRETATION OF THE NPT IN ORDER TO FURTHER GUARANTEE THE EUROPEAN OPTION. THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN, MOERSCH, REPLIED THAT THE FRG WOULD REITERATE THE SUBSTANCE OF ITS NOV 28, 1969 DECLARATION ON THE OCCASION OF THE DEPOSIT OF THE INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION. HOWEVER, MOERSCH DID NOT SPELL OUT THE DETAILS OF SUCH A GERMAN STATEMENT. (SEE BONN 1653 - NOTAL FOR CURRENT FRG THINKING ON THIS ISSUE.)

5. THE FAVORABLE BUNDESTAG VOTE ON THE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT WAS UNANIMOUS--344 TO 0. THE POSITIVE VOTE OF THE BERLIN DEPUTIES WAS 21 TO 1. BUNDESRAT CONCURRENCE IS REQUIRED FOR RATIFICATION OF THE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT, BUT NOT FOR THE NPT. THE BUNDESRAT MUST VOTE ON THE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT WITHIN 3 WEEKS FROM THE DATE THAT IT IS OFFICIALLY INFORMED BY THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THE BUNDESTAG VOTE AND IS ASKED FOR ITS CONCURRENCE. DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER ROTH TODAY

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TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE BUNDESRAT WOULD BE SO INFORMED WITHIN 2 OR 3 DAYS AND THAT THE BUNDESRAT VOTE SHOULD OCCUR BY MID-MARCH. WHILE THERE IS A ONE VOTE CDU/CSU MAJORITY IN THE BUNDESRAT, AND DESPITE THE UNANIMOUS BUNDESTAG VOTE FOR RATIFICATION, ROTH SAID HE PRESENTLY EXPECTS ONLY TWO CDU LAENDER (SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN AND RHINELAND-PALATINATE) TO VOTE POSITIVELY, AND THE OTHER CDU/CSU LAENDER EITHER TO ABSTAIN OR VOTE NEGATIVELY. BUNDESRAT REPRESENTATIVES VOTED ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM OR IN THE PERSON OF THEIR LAND MINISTER - PRESIDENTS.

6. ROTH TOLD EMBOFF THAT FRG DEPOSIT OF THE RATIFICATION INSTRUMENTS WILL COME AT A STILL UNDETERMINED POINT FOLLOWING POSITIVE BUNDESRAT ACTION ON THE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT. ISSUE BOILS DOWN TO 18 MONTH TIME LIMIT IN NPT ARTICLE 3 (4) FOR ENTERING INTO FORCE OF SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT AND CURRENTLY UNCERTAIN PROSPECTS FOR RATIFICATION OF NPT AND VERIFICATION AGREEMENT BY ITALIAN PARLIAMENT. GERMANS WILL DISCUSS THESE MATTERS SOON WITH EC COMMISSION AND IAEA REPS AS WELL AS WITH EC PARTNERS. ROTH SAID FRG ALREADY HAS EXPLAINED ITS CONCERNS TO ROME BUT, SO FAR, UNDERSTANDS

THAT FONMIN MORO AND ITALIAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS ARE
RELUCTANT TO FORWARD NPT TO PARLIAMENT, PREFERRING
TO SEEK PARLIAMENTARY ACTION FIRST ON VERIFICATION
AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, ROTH SAID GERMAN EMBASSY (ROME)
THOUGHT THAT SOME MEMBERS OF ITALIAN PARLIAMENT MIGHT
PRESS GOI TO SEND UP NPT LAW DURING CONSIDERATION OF
VERIFICATION AGREEMENT. POSITIVE FRG ACTION ON NPT AND
VERIFICATION AGREEMENT COULD BE SELLING POINT IN THIS
CONNECTION. AS REPORTED BONN 1653-PARA 5, FRG MAY BE
BACK TO US TO GARNER SUPPORT IN URGING EXPEDITIOUS
ITALIAN ACTION.
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